



2020 is the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini* – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, one of the Church's greatest scripture scholars. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. The Year began on 30 September, the feast of St Jerome.

WEEKLY EVENTS

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Sundays in the Church Porch after the 9.00 am Mass

CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sundays in term-time during the 11.30 am Mass

SOCIETY OF

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Tuesdays : 7.00 pm in the Church Sacristy

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM

Wednesdays at 9.30 am inside the church

CHURCH GARDENING TEAM

Meets Wednesdays at 9.30 am outside the church

4TH COLLIER ROW

SCOUT GROUP

Beaver Scouts

Wednesdays 5 - 6.15 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

Cub Scouts

Wednesdays 6.30 - 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

Scouts

Wednesdays 8.00 - 9.30 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

THURSDAY CLUB

(for the over 60s – open to all)

1.15 - 3.15 pm

in the Parish Centre Hall

OUR LADY'S

PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays : 7.30 – 9.00 pm at 10 Norman Close

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOUNDATION INTAKE OPEN DAYS for September 2020

These tours will give you the opportunity to see the school and ask any questions you may have:-

Friday 1st November at 11.00 am

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OCTOBER ROSARY WITH THE SVP

During the month of October, the month of the Holy Rosary, members of the SVP have been praying the Rosary in the Chapel of Our Lady at 7 pm; the final date is Tuesday 29th. All are welcome to join us. We suggest that, if coming by car, you park in Lowshoe Lane – entrance to the church is through the Lady Chapel doors.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT AT THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday 5 November on the theme Magic of Italian Opera with Petroc Trelawny as presenter. The music includes Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves and Nessim Dorma with soloists Joyce El-Khoury, Michael Fabiano, Clare Presland and Simon Thorpe. For more details call 020-7592 1856 or email tickets@passage.org.uk

ABBOTSWICK MASS OF REMEMBRANCE & COMMEMORATION

Mass of Remembrance and Commemoration of loved ones, Sunday 10 November at 2.30pm Walsingham House at Abbotswick. If you are the friend or family member of someone who is remembered at Abbotswick, you are very welcome to this Mass, where the names of all those commemorated there will be read out, and a candle lit for each of them. For more details telephone 01277-373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

LONDON MARATHON 2020

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on Sunday 26 April 2020. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Libby Phillips for further details on 01268-784544 or lphillips@bccs.org.uk The closing date for completed applications is Friday 15 November. Please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1600 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.

SPIRITUALITY MORNING

Saturday 16 November : 10.30am-12.00noon - Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Topic: Preparing for the Advent Journey. Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams, sm, Tel. 01277-265285 email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

TEA DANCE

The next Tea Dance will be on Wednesday 20 November in Saint Alban's Parish Centre, Langdale Gardens Elm Park, RM12 5LA. Music by Finbar Black, dancing from 1.30 to 4.30 pm. Admission £5.00 includes tea coffee and cakes. Come along and enjoy a lovely afternoon of fun and help us to create a good Parish community spirit. Any information please contact me John O'Connor on 07903-366992.

INSIGHT TO PALESTINE

The Caritas Jerusalem group at Gidea Park would like to invite you to 'Insight to Palestine', an information evening, to be held from 7 pm on Tuesday 26 November at Christ the Eternal High Priest Church, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), about the situation of Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza. Heba Zaphiriou-Zarifi, a Palestinian psychologist, will speak to us about the impact of living under occupation. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and a light supper of Middle Eastern food will be available. We will end with a period of prayer. If you would like to come, please book your place for catering purposes by email to gideapark@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CHARITY CEILIDH IN AID OF MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals Havering Volunteers will be holding a Ceilidh Dance on: Friday 29 November, 7.30/8.00 pm, at La Salette Parish Hall, Rainham. Licenced bar only. Please come along and support our fundraising event. Tickets £5, available from Theresa on 07845-084493. For more information visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St Patrick's PTA are happy to announce that our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday 13 December from 15:15 to 17:15 in the School Hall at St Patricks School. Everyone is welcome. Entrance is £2. We will be serving a range of food including international dishes along with our standard sweet treats, mulled wine and hot drinks. We will have games, novelty stalls and Santa's Grotto. Please come and support our school and enjoy the festivities with us.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

For single, separated, widowed or divorced Catholics – see poster on the porch noticeboard for information.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Feast of SS Simon and Jude** – in the New Testament, Simon is only referred to in the lists of apostles as the 'Zealot'. The traditions concerning his career after the Resurrection are conflicting and nothing is known about his life. In art, he is sometimes depicted as being sawn in half lengthways – presumably the method of his martyrdom. Jude was the brother of James the Less and was, therefore, related to Jesus. One of the letters in the New Testament is attributed to him. The traditions concerning his later life are confused and unreliable, including the one that he was martyred in Persia with Simon; this has led to them sharing their feastday. Jude is the patron of difficult or hopeless cases or problems (read his brief letter - the reason for this will become clear).

Friday is the **Solemnity of All Saints** – not all saints have official world-wide feastdays, many are celebrated only in particular regions or localities – such as St Sebbi, St Anne Line and St John Payne, three of the saints of this diocese. All Saints' Day honours these, and all those (not only canonised saints) who 'now see, love and enjoy God for ever' in heaven.

Saturday (until the evening) is the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)** - on this day the Church remembers and prays for all the faithful departed. 'It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead (II Maccabees 12:45).

SUMMER LOURDES 2020 with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service

Open to anyone currently in school year 10-13. We travel on Saturday 25 July, return Saturday 1 August 2020. Cost £600 includes return coach travel, hotel accommodation, insurance and all meals in Lourdes. This amazing experience comes just once a year – full details are at <https://bcys.net/events/summer-lourdes-2020-pilgrimage/>. Applications open Sunday 27 October 2019 and close on 10 January 2020; places will be allocated on 14 January and no deposit is required until then. Bursary support is available for those in financial hardship.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join homelessness charity Caritas Anchor House for a night of festivities at their Christmas Concert – including wonderful music, and guest speaker Jeremy Paxman! CAH are based in Newham and help 140 homeless people every day. The concert takes place on Wednesday 27th November 2019 at St Margaret and All Saints Church, 79 Barking Road, Canning Town E16 4HB, 6.30 – 7.45pm, followed by refreshments in CAH. The church is just 2 minutes from Canning Town DLR and Tube station. For more info and tickets, contact events@caritasanchorhouse.org.uk or phone 020-7476 6062.

*"This is to listen to the word of God:
listen with your ears and hear with your heart"*

Pope Francis